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SUBJ: ASSIGNMENT OF MILITARY ATTACHE TO SOMALIA

REF: 77 JIDDA 8649

MFA DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN AND ASIAN AFFAIRS AHMAD SIRAJ
TOLD POLITICAL COUNSELOR AND POLITICAL OFFICER JOHN LIMBERT
ON JANUARY 30 THAT SAG WAS VERY DISAPPOINTED THAT USG HAD
REFUSED TO SUPPLY ARMS FOR SOMALIA. ETHIOPIAN COUNTER-

OFFENSIVE HAS BEGUN. SAG WOULD HAVE TO SUPPORT SOMALIA TO
EXTENT IT COULD WITHOUT U.S. HELP. POLITICAL COUNSELOR
EXPLAINED ONCE AGAIN THAT USG COULD NOT SUPPLY ARMS TO
SOMALIA AS LONG AS IT WAS INVOLVED IN OGADEN. SIRAJ
REPEATED HIS REQUEST OF DECEMBER 18 (REFTEL) THAT USG
AT LEAST GIVE ECONOMIC AID AND THAT IT SEND MILITARY
ATTACHE TO EMBASSY IN MOGADISCIO. POL COUN NOTED THAT
USG HAD AGREED TO SUPPLY ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AID TO
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SOMALIA AND HAD ALREADY ESTABLISHED AID MISSION THERE.
SIRAJ SAID HE KNEW THAT BUT U.S. AID SHOULD BE SUBSTANTIAL.
HE ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT PRESENCE OF MILITARY ATTACHE WOULD
NOT ONLY BE IMPORTANT SYMBOL OF U.S. INTEREST IN SOMALIA

BUT WOULD ADD TO USG CAPABILITY

TO ASSESS MILITARY SITUATION IN HORN.
POL COUN SAID WE WOULD CONVEY HIS
SUGGESTIONS TO WASHINGTON.
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